(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose in the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans;

(d) whether the allocated amount in the Ninth Five Year Plan was fully utilised by the State Governments;

(e) in not, Government's proposals to deal with defaulting States; and

(f) how the outlay for the Tenth Five Year Plan is proposed to be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA):(a) and (b) The New National Sports Policy has been approved by the Government in 2001. The Government is formulating following two new schemes during the Tenth Five Year Plan to promote Sports in the country:

1. State Sports Academy

2. Scheme for Dope Test

(c) Outlay for sports under the Ninthth Five Year Plan was Rs. 472.61 crores and for the Tenth Five Year Plan an outlay of 1132.36 crores is proposed.

(d) Funds are not allocated State-wise. Financial assistance is sanctioned to States/UTs on receipt of viable proposals from them.

(e) Further assistance is not released to the States, defaulting in submission of Utilization Certificates, until they submit the utilization certificates in respect of the previously released grants.

(f) The Tenth Five Year Plan outlay will be utilized as per respective budget allocations under various schemes of the Ministry.

Death of Turtles in Orissa

*175. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the death of lakhs of mother sea Turtles, while coming to lay eggs along the Orissa sea coast, due to non use of turtle excluders by the trawlers; if so, what action has been taken against the owners of these trawlers; and

(b) whether the Orissa Government has sent a proposal to declare Rushikulya river mouth Gahiramatha, as sea Turtles marine sanctuary; if so, what steps have been taken by his Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Government is aware of the death of mother sea turtles while coming to lay eggs along the coast of Orissa. The death of the sea turtles is not attributed primarily to non use of Turtle Excluder Device (TED). The figures of mortality during last four years are :

Year	Total number of deaths
1998-99	13,671
1999-2000	15,628
2000-01	5,483
2001-02	12,777

Steps have been taken for mandatory use of TED by the trawlers. Out of 650 registered trawlers, 250 have already been supplied with TEDs free of cost. Greater awareness is being created among trawler owners regarding misconception of resultant catch loss due to use of TEDs.

(b) The proposal to constitute the area of Magarmukh-Rushikulya, including Rushikulya river mouth, as a Wildlife Sanctuary has already been approved by the Central Government in 1997. However, the Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa has informed that subsequently in August, 1999 in a high level meeting it was decided to have two Sanctuaries *viz.* Magarmukh and Palur, in place of one as proposed earlier, for reasons of better management. No revised proposals have been submitted by the State Government of Orissa.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Kerala

*176. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government has submitted any proposal to allot funds for the implementation of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA); if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the funds have been allotted to Kerala; if so, the amount thereof;

(c) what is the teacher-student ratio prescribed in SSA Scheme at the school level; and

(d) whether Government extend financial assistance to State Governments to maintain teacher-student ratio as 1 : 40 or as stipulated in SSA scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) SSA plan proposals for the year 2001-02 and 2002-03 as received from the State were appraised by the Government of India